in Dom cases, which are contrary to the facts, were given in the answer *to* the reply to the said question; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The answer given to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3073 dated 19-12-1991 was to be read in the context of the question asked and to that extent it is factually correct.

**Economic viability of HFC and FCI**

1965. SHRI DHTJLESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ruledi out the possibility of the Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation (HFC) and Fertiliser Corporation of India (FCI) chronically sick public sector undertakings becoming economically viable even if substantial investment is made in these Units;

(b) the particulars of the various fertiliser factories under these two undertakings and the capital invested in them and the number of employees working therein; and

(c) what is Governments final thinking about the future of these Undertakings declared beyond recovery in the context of its present policy of privatisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of capital investment and number of employees working in various operating units of FCI and HFC are as follows:—

| Unit | Capital Investment | No. of employees) |
|---|---|---|
| | | (Rs. crores) |
| 1. *FCI :* | | |
| (a) Sindri . . | 318.12 | 3,991 |
| (b) Gorakhpur . | 68.08 | 1,976 |
| (c) Ramagundam . | 211.68 | 1,336 |
| (d) Talcher . | 227.85 | 1,431 |
| 2. *HFC :* | | |
| (a) Barauni . . | 182.23 | 1,711 |
| (b) Durgapur . | 152.61 | 1,828 |
| (c) Namrup I, II & III . . . | 385.25 | 3,012 |

(Note: Capital investment represents equity and plan loan as on 31-3-1991)

(c) The cases of both HFC and FCI have been referred to BIFR by the respective Board of Directors of these companies and a final decision on future of these undertakings will depend upon the consideration of the matter by BIFR, deliberation of Tripartite Committee on 'Chemical Industry and on the technical feasibility and economic viability of these units, as also the availability of funds through budgetary sources.

**Modernisation of Chemicals and Fertiliser Plants**

1966. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the, names of the Chemicals and Fertiliser Plants where work of modernisation was started during the 7th plan and how much work has been completed and how much is remaining;

(b) what are the names of the companies which have been working for the modernisation together with the details of the cost;

(c) what are the names of the Chemicals and Fertilisers Plants which would be modernised during the 8th Plan period;

(d) whether tenders have been called and if so, the names and other details of the parties; whether this is being negotiated and, if so, the names of the Indian and Foreign Companies with whom the negotiations are going on; and

(e) whether it is a fact that CMDs and Managing Directors of the Companies have connived in filling the higher tender amounts and work has been given to parties other than the L-l parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The information as far as Public and Cooperative Sector plants, has been furnished in the Statement (See below)

(c) and (d) While the various modernisation schemes to foe included in the 8th Five Year Plan are yet to be finalised, the required information in respect of continuing schemes from the 7th Five Year Plan which are being executed in the 8th Five Year Plan, is given in the Statement attached. (See below)

(e) No such case has come to the notice of the Government.

**Statement I**

| Name of the Companies modernising the plant. | Name of Chemicals and Fertilizer plants being modernised in 7th Plan. | Details of completion and progress of modernisation work. | Details of costs |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. National Fertilizers Limited . . | Replacement of Electrolysis Plant with Naphtha Reformation based Hydrogen Plant (Nangal Modernisation Phase-I Project) at Nangal unit of NFL. | The project was approved by the Government on 31-3-1986 and it is under commercial production since Ist. March, 1990. | Rs. 59.77 crores |
| 2. Projects & Development India Ltd. . | Catalyst Modernisation Plant of PDIL, Sindri. | Modernisation work started in February, 1987 and completed in March, 1991. Commercial production started in April, 1991. | Rs. 19.68 crores (Revised Estimated Project cost). |
| 3. Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. . . . . | Schemes for rehabilitation of Kalol, Kandla & Phulpur units of IFFCO with finance from the World Bank including scheme for retrofit of Ammonia Converters at Phulpur and Kalol. | All the work involved under the rehabilitation schemes in the three units started during the 7th Plan and is likely to be completed before June, 1993. The retrofit of Ammonia will also be completed by June, 1993. | Kalol— Rs. 56.18 Cr. Kandla— Rs. 14.75 Cr. Phulpur— Rs. 41.70 Cr. Financial Charges— Rs. 21.57 Cr. ——— Total— Rs. 125.10 Cr. ——— |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4. Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. | Scheme of Converter Retrofit of Ammonia plant at Hazira. | Detailed engineering completed and fabrication work in progress likely to be completed in end 1992. | Rs. 18.00 Cr. |
| 5. Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd. | Modernisation of Ammonia Plant in Cochin-1. | Likely to be completed in 1993-94. | Rs. 18.7 Cr. |

**Statement-II**

| Name of the Chemicals and Fertilizer Plants to be modernised during the 8th Plan period. | Whether tenders were called for and if so, the names and other details of the parties. |
|---|---|
| 1. Ammonia and Urea plants of Madras Fertilizers Ltd. | Agreements for supply of knowhow, basic engineering, design package and other technical assistance are being finalised with M/s. Haldor Topsoe A/S, Denmark (HTAS) for Ammonia and utilities plants and with M/s. UTI Construction Inc., USA (UTIC) for Urea plants. |
| 2. Modernisation of Kalol, Kandla and Phulpur units of IFFCO started during 7th Plan will spill over to the 8th Five Year Plan period and are likely to be completed by June, 1993. | The complete engineering package for the project has been developed inhouse using IFFCO's engineering capabilities. The procurement of the hardware required for carrying out the modernisation/rehabilitation schemes was carried out as per requirements using the ICB procedure under the World Bank guidelines. For the Ammonia Converter Retrofit of Phulpur and Kalol units, the contract was awarded to M/s. Ammonia Cassale after following International Competive Bidding (ICB) procedure. |
| 3. Scheme of Converter Retrofit of Ammonia plants at Hazira (KRIBHCO) | The work of retrofit for reducing energy consumption was awarded to Ammonia Cassale, Swizerland after competitive bids were invited and evaluated. |
| 4. Modernisation of Ammonia plant in Cochin Unit (FACT). | The engineering work is being undertaken in house by FEDO. |

**Meeting between Development Commissioner and Officers of BICP**

1967. DR RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINJSTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the issues involved and the decisions taken at the meeting wllich Development Commissioner had with the officers of the BICP on 24th April, 1991;

(b) whether all the irregularities of BICP were regularised and multinationals were given a bon zona in respect of their imports at this meeting;

(c) when the Government, approved these decisions taken at this meeting;